

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of

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For: METHOD OF OPERATING A FUEL CELL SYSTEM, AND FUEL CELL
SYSTEM OPERABLE ACCORDINGLY

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

To the Director of Patents and Trademarks

Sir:

Before considering this application, kindly amend the application as follows:

In the Abstract:

Kindly consider the abstract on the cover sheet of published PCT Application WO 01/73877 A2.

In the Claims:

Kindly amend claims 1-16 as follows:

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1. (Amended) A method of how to operate a fuel cell system which comprises at least one active membrane sandwiched between an anode layer and a cathode layer and comprising a catalyst, and a fuel supply having access to the anode layer and an air supply having access to the cathode layer, wherein the air supplied by the air supply is introduced by pressure into the fuel cell system, passes along the cathode layer and then leaves